

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): A camera comprising:
2 digital photography means for picking up
3 digital images of a subject;
4 photometry means for measuring the brightness
5 of the subject with a photometry element in response to
6 a power on operation of the camera; and
7 setting means for setting the image-pickup
8 conditions of the next cycle based on the past image-
9 picked-up results of said digital photography means,
10 wherein the initial image-pickup conditions of said
11 digital photography means are set based on the output of
12 said photometry means.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The camera according to
2 claim 8, wherein the initial photography conditions of
3 said digital photography means are set based on the
4 output of said photometry means obtained when the
5 operation of said camera is started and before a first
6 release of a switch is turned on.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): A camera comprising:

2 a start switch for power on operation of said
3 camera;
4 an image-pickup element;
5 an image-pickup element drive circuit for
6 driving said image-pickup element;
7 a signal processing circuit for processing the
8 image signal that is formed by said image-pickup element;
9 a photometry element for measuring the
10 brightness of a subject;
11 a photoelectric current processing circuit for
12 processing the photoelectric current output from said
13 photometry element; and
14 a CPU for actuating said photometry element in
15 response to an operation of said start switch and
16 instructing the initial operation conditions of said
17 image-pickup element to said image-pickup element drive
18 circuit based on the data on the brightness of the
19 subject processed by said signal processing circuit.

1 Claim 11 (original): The camera according to claim 10,
2 wherein said image-pickup element drive circuit, in
3 image-pickup operation of the second cycle and subsequent
4 cycles of said image-pickup element, sets the operation
5 conditions of the next cycle based on the image signal
6 obtained by the previous image-pickup operation.

1 Claim 12 (new) : The camera according to claim 8, wherein
2 said camera is a hybrid electronic photography and film
3 camera.

1 Claim 13 (new) : A camera according to claim 10, wherein
2 said camera is a hybrid electronic photography and film
3 camera.